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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Patent Application**

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Title: DATA TRANSMISSION VIA DIRECT MODULATION OF A MID-IR LASER

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, 1.112, 1.121**

This is a reply to an Office Action mailed on May 17, 2007.

**a.     Introductory Comments**

Claims 1 – 3 and 6 – 24 were pending and rejected in the Office Action.

Herein, Applicants make no amendments.

Applicants request reconsideration.

**b. Amendments to the Description**

None.

**c. Amendments to Claims**

None.

**d. Amendments to the Drawings**

None.